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Examiner: P. Ponnaluri

AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In lieu of filing an Appeal Brief in support of the Notice of Appeal received by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on September 7, 2004, Applicants are filing this Amendment in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination, in order to reopen prosecution. The Notice of Appeal appealed the final rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2004. This Amendment is responsive to all rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2004.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a five month extension of time. Accordingly, the time to file a response has been extended to April 7, 2005, and this response is being timely filed. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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